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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Official Entertainment in the Executive Dining Room

Sir:

1. Reference is made to the memorandum of 30 September 1974, which requests reimbursement of \$50.93 for Executive Dining Room charges relating to the official entertainment of Ambassador L. Dean Brown and three other guests from the Department of State. There were six participants from this Directorate.

2. Your recent note raised a question as to whether our staff employees should pay for their own meals. Quite frankly, I think there previously was some general confusion or misunderstanding concerning the ground rules. In reviewing your memorandum of 11 January 1974, I now have a better appreciation of the basic message, and I certainly support the view that Agency participants should pay for their own meals, especially since most of these senior officers would normally be having lunch in the EDR. I have advised Office Heads in this Directorate that there will be a strict interpretation of the January memorandum, and we will henceforth be expected to pay for our own meals in these circumstances. Most certainly I will request your advance approval on any unusual or special cases.

3. Having charted a clear course on future procedures, I must admit some reluctance in going back to the various participants and asking for their contributions to a command luncheon performance in early July 1974, when OGC regulatory changes were being considered. May I obtain your after-the-fact approval of the 30 September memo, with the full understanding that this clears the books, and there will be no future requests of this nature.

/s/John F. Blake

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for
Administration

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